

**Senate State & Local Government  
Committee Amendment**

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**Signature of Sponsor**

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2855\***

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by deleting in its entirety all the language following the enacting clause, and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

SECTION 7-51-\_\_\_\_. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any county, municipal, metropolitan, or other local governmental charter to the contrary, and notwithstanding the provisions of any resolution or ordinance adopted by any such county, municipality or other local governmental unit to the contrary, every employee of every such local governmental unit shall enjoy the same rights of other citizens of Tennessee to be a candidate for any state or local political office, the right to participate in political activities by supporting or opposing political parties, political candidates, and petitions to governmental entities; provided the city, county, municipal, metropolitan or other local government is not required to pay the employee's salary for work not performed for the governmental entity; provided, however, that unless otherwise authorized by law or local ordinance, an employee of a municipal government or of a metropolitan government shall not be qualified to run for elected office in the local governing body of such local governmental unit in which the employee is employed.

(b) The rights granted to county employees under Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-102(c)(1) are preserved.

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(c) Any time off from work used by the employee for participation in political activities, shall be limited to earned days off, vacation days, or by any other arrangements worked out between the employee and the municipal or county governmental body.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.